

ment that the blood of the fallen

contributed to the nation and to the

world. Freedom unfurle! her banner

the gory fields of fratricidal warfare;

this time it was not to the trumpeting

of a declaration of independence, but

to the sonorous sound of the procla-

mation of freedom for the servile

out in the new power and influence of

which, in Holy Writ, set forth the

the theocracies of the past. Freedom

had given it a new content and civili-

zation had bestowed upon it a new

dignity, and life, and valor were given

fresh glory in the tremendous strug-

gle which is commemorated on Deco-

ration day-the day of solemn hush,

yet of glorious recollection, the day

be laid aside, even if the nation that

has set up the standard of freedom

for mankind could discharge its obli-

gations to the world otherwise.

Wherever there are oppressed there

is felt the magnet of the influence of

American freedom: and so from the

serf-afflicted land of Russia, from the

life-burdened lands of Europe, come

the slaves of oppression and of harsh

discrimination, the subjects of the

curse of inequality, that they may

join in the song of those redeemed

from such conditions or those whose

birthright it is to enjoy life, liberty

and the pursuit of happiness. No

wonder that the country is virtually

at pause as the observation of the

sacred day of reverence for the na-

tion's slain uplifts to the view of

mankind the dignity and power of

ideals that are woven into the life

and character of a free people. No

wonder that from the highest to the

and a united people rejoice in the out-

come of a flercely dividing struggle.

To the world of today, this great

tragedy of half a century ago is but

tradition and not a living memory, but

the passing years can never efface

that record from the very souls of

those who went through that flery

furnace in the great struggle for the

nation's life with its frightful toll of

precious young lives sacrificed to the

Moloch of one of the world's greatest

wars. Costly indeed was the price with

which the dawning peace was bought:

Fourteen thousand men killed and

wounded at Shiloh; 15,000 went down

at Chickahominy; 13,000 at Antietam,

and 13,000 more at Fredericksburg;

17,000 killed or crippled at Chancel-

lorsville; 23,000 lives sacrificed on the

field at Gettysburg; 16,000 at Chicka-

mauga; 18,000 at Spottsylvania, while

17,000 fell in the Battle of the Wilder-

liberty cannot

perennial rejoicing.

HE survivors from a great | and appreciation of the vast bestow- | 304,000 dead-one man for every nine tragedy are always looked upon with interest, especially when years have passed since the event. This disposition of the public will explain a part of the attention which will be given to the Grand Army on Memorial day. The

men who will ride or march on that day are survivors of a war which to the younger generations has become almost ancient history. They are all old men, though many of them will not admit it.

There is this strange thing about the celebration of the day. The Civil war became, before it ended, an antislavery war, but the men who were prominent in the antislavery movement will not appear in the processions. They are gone. One can almost count upon his fingers those who remain. But the men who fought the battles that were brought on by their agitations still live, by hundreds of thousands.

The explanation is a simple one. The antislavery agitators were mature men-some of them old men. The Civil war was fought, largely, by young men and youth. More than shot through with the rainbows of a 800,000 enlisted at seventeen or below that age; more than 2,000,000 were not more than twenty-one. Only 618,511 were twenty-two and above, and only 46,026 of these were twentyfive or shove

And so it happens that among the marchers will be seen many who, nearly fifty years after the close of the war, will not appear to be old. So. also, it happens that the pension rolls contain the names of more than 400,-000 veterans of the Civil war, who are still living.

If one cares to compare these se lected men with those who were rejected as physically unfit or defective, he will be interested in noticing the Grand Army button on the lapels of the coats of gray-headed men, as he passes them in the street. The little bronze button, or the smaller red, white and blue button of the Loyal Legion, appear very frequently, and that in spite of the fact that hundreds of thousands of the men selected as fit were killed in battle or died of wounds during the war, and many others have since died from disease contracted during the contest.

The youthfulness of those who made up the army of those days suggests a thought not often made prominent in discussions of the pension question. While a pension is not designed to recompense pecuniary losses incurred by the pensioner in his service, it is well to remember that the boy or young man, from sixteen to eighteen. who left school for three years in the formative period of his life, was never able to make up what he lost in education, and that those who were above eighteen, many of whom were just taking the first steps in promising careers, by giving up their opportunities lost their chances in life. The procession closed up, and when they returned at he close of the war they were obliged to take a place in the rear, if they got into it at all.

Decoration of the graves of the fallen heroes of the civil strife and of those who have subsequently joined the ranks of the departed in the noblest war that has ever been waged, is indication of the country's reverence for the valor of the slain

Present It Is Practically a

Universal Curse.

give all needed realism to these tales.

In London a citizen of Brooklyn, N.

Y., is on trial for espionage. It is sad

All Rules of Grammar Have Been

Modified by the Contest of

Language, like most everything

else, is unable to escape from being

conditioned and modified by war.

Half our best metaphors are taken

from war as it used to be, and we still talk of nations "taking the

European Powers.

died from other causes—a total of tific American.

United States. System Has Taken Such Hold That at This country has a secret service, it machinations which are so important cause Spy stories have flown thick and to the statecraft of Europe at all fast, reading like magazine fiction, yet times and so much relied on during same, to think that plottings and ina sufficient number of persons have been cast into prison or executed to

> It would be easy to become a little troi: News. puffed up by this. "We Americans and aboveboard. We do not work in

er to say be "pillowed."

that his arrest revealed the fact that | the dark," is an obvious comment. Yet | an's club is the rolling pin.

Probably the most important wom-CHANGES WROUGHT BY WAR | never do, when "moving the howitzer" | this connection is the way in which would be vastly more appropriate. we have been driven back upon the

who wore the blue. From the lips of thoughtless youth we sometimes hear the flippant charge once more, and this time it was over that the "old soldiers are still fighting the old battle of the Civil war." little realizing what they mean to the scarred survivors of those epoch-making days.

> Who that "marched with Sherman to the sea" can ever forget?

classes of the population. The South Who that came back from the slipwas freed from its trammels and pery slopes of Gettysburg can ever blossomed out as the section of the forget the bloody tragedy which for country most American and endowed three long days turned its peaceful with the greatest wealth of unrealized | quiet into a seething hell of shot and shell? resources. The country blossomed

Who that witnessed the destruction by the Confederate army itself, a union indissoluble, of a house no of its last hope and stronghold, the longer divided against itself. The world paid tribute to the heroes of city of Richmond, in that memorable April of '65, will ever forget the inbattlefields as sacred as any of those describable scene of horror, with the roar of an immense conflagration epochs in the progress of mankind in sounding in their ears while the explosion of the gunboats shook the doomed city to its very foundation? Thirty city blocks swept out of existence by the spreading flames, 1,000 houses destroyed, while hundreds of hospitals and almshouse inmates were said to have been blown into eternity. when the tears of sad recollection are

Such is war! God forbid that our land shall ever know another, but let us forevermore remain one people. loyal to one flag, and united in one earnest effort to make this nation the grandest ever risen on the tides of time.

Memories like these are ineffaceable, and who has a better right to live again-"fight," if you will-the battles of that fast-receding period. than the proud heroes of that day? But the honored ranks of that once powerful army are rapidly thinning. Day by day in ever increasing numbers slowly winds the funeral cortege through the streets of Washington to that vast, silent encampment on the wooded heights of Arlington, that consecrated spot whose silence is only intensified by the dropping of an acorn or the whir of a wild bird's wing.

Not many are the years before other hands must deck our soldiers' graves with the flowers of spring, but when the last soldier of that great war shall have followed comrade and commander to that land which knows lowliest the officers of state and the no bugle call to arms, may these lowcitizens pay tribute to the men who ly graves be still the shrine whereon remade the nation. Animosity, resentment, schism are all in the past an unforgetting people shall lay their tribute of bloom and blossom, and be forever guarded by that emblem of the world's best hopes, and the heritage of a people yet to be-that splendid, costly flag for whose

Every stripe of crimson hue, And every star on field of blue, Ten thousand of our brave and true Have laid them down and died.

New Electric Bell.

An original electric bell combination is in use at Paris which is designed to get rid of all trouble caused by the question of batteries, for these are now lodged within the apparatus itself. The usual box bell shape is retained, but the arrangement of the parts is different in this case. All the magnet parts are now lodged under the gong itself, while the box being now left free, serves to contain a set of three dry battery cells which will last for several years. In this way there are no connections to be made between In those four years of blood and the battery and bell, and the wires and carnage, 93,000 men perished by the push-buttons are the only pieces bullet, 186,000 by disease, and 25,000 which need to be attended to.-Scien-

NO NATION FREE FROM SPIES | the most dangerous group of German | espionage is the very natural outcome sples have their headquarters in the of the grinding contact of nation against nation as it prevail at all times. The spy as a type must be is true, but the complex, underground | highly courageous and devoted to his

It gives us a creepy feeling, just the the war, are known to us only through | ternational intrigue may be going on in our busy and peaceful midst.-De-

Modern artillery has forced us to old verb "flee." Before the era of make a verb out of a noun and to per- the Zeppelin and the aeroplane we mit our gunners to "shell" a place in should certainly have said "The Gerdefiance of all conceivable rules of man fleet 'flies' before the British:" grammar. We have forced "offensive" now we say it "flees," because "flyand "objective" to do duty as nouns ing" seems to connect motion above in spite of the fact that they are plain the surface of the earth. There are and indubitable adjectives, and we a hundred subtle differences of this freely "bombard," though it would be sort to which war has impelled us, quite as reasonable for a pillow fight- and from which the most pedantic purist is totally unable to escape.sword" though that is just what they Perhaps the most curious thing in London Globe.

## **Backache Spells Danger**

Census records show that deaths from kidney disorders have increased 72% in 20 years. People can't seem to realize that the first pain in the back, the first disorder of the urine, demands instant attention—that it may be a signal of coming gravel, dropsy or fatal Bright's disease. The best prevention of serious kidney disorders is prompt treatment kidney disorders is prompt treatment— the best medicine is Doan's Kidney

An Illinois Case



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MARRIAGE SERMON MADE HIT

Couple Interrupted Discourse on Subject in Maryland and Parson Tied Knot.

The regular service in the Baptist church at Frederick, Md., was turned into a wedding ceremony on Sunday evening when someone walked up the aisle and whispered in the ear of the pastor, Rev. George W. Whiteside, as he was in the midst of a sermon entitled, "Take Unto Thyself a Wife."

The pastor nodded his head in answer to the whisper and a moment later Hillary C. Rockwell and Miss Nellie B. Barger walked to the altar and were married. The sermon was not finished.

### MISSOURI SUFFERERS FIND GREAT REMEDY

Thousands needlessly suffer from stomach ailments, handicapped in their work and pleasure. The stomach is the mainspring of life and the body cannot run without it.

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send four more bottles of the stomach remedy. Both my wife and I use this medicine and think it truly wonder-Mayr's Wonderful Remedy gives per manent results for stomach, liver and intestinal ailments. Eat as much and

after eating, pressure of gas in the stomach and around the heart. Get one bottle of your druggist now and try it on an absolute guarantee—if not satisfactory money will be returned .- Adv.

Why He Kept a Servant. In the days when he was superintendent of the Portsmouth dockvard in England, Lord Fisher, the present admiral of the British fleet, had the seadog attitude toward the men; he frequently tested them with all the harshness of a whaling captain; they, in turn, treated him with a halffriendly, half-hostile familiarity.

Several years after his Portsmouth days Fisher visited one of his old associates of the forecastle who was then living on half-pay. He found the old man comfortably settled in a cottage, attended by another superannuated seaman.

"Why do you have this other man here?" asked the admiral.

"I keep 'im 'ere," said the pensioner, to come up into my quarters at five o'clock in the mornin' an' sing out 'Hi there.' At that I merely rolls over in my bed, and says, 'Tell old Fisher to go to 'ell.' "- World's Work.

## **CLEAN SWEET SCALP**

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First Ald.

An artillery battle was raging. The din was terrific. Suddenly a war correspondent, one of the favored few permitted to see a little real fighting, clapped his hands to his ears and cried, "I fear my tympanum is split!" "Too bad!" roared a friendly "Tommy." "I've got a needle and some thread in my kit, if that'll help you

The Peace Zone. "You and your wife are always jawing when you are out." "Yep."

is for the benefit of us neighbors." "Pep. No scrapping allowed within three-block limit."

Passing It Along. "Why did you let the office boy off?" "Said his grandfather was dead." "You swallow that old excuse?" "I may not swallow it, but I accept it. My boss used to honor it when I

One little peek-a-boo makes the whole world peek.

# WESTERN CANADA SEEDING FINISHED

Had an Excellent Start.

The seeding of spring wheat was

pretty general this spring about 7th of April or about as early as in Illinois and lowa. Oats and barley followed. Information is to hand that on first of May all seeding was practically finished. Farmers will now be busy at their breaking, and the land for summer fallow will be entered upon. Some who did not get their land prepared last fall, will be later than the others. but as the spring in Western Canada has been very open they will be only a few days later. At the time of writing rain would be welcome, but at seeding time, the ground contained a splendid lot of moisture and the lack of rain at the present time will not be serious. The number of farmers who have gone into the raising of cattle has been considerably in creased, and the preparation for extensive cultivated grass pastures is in evidence everywhere. The cultivation of fodder corn is being largely entered upon in Manitoba there be ing upwards of 25,000 acres in corn. In Saskatchewan there will be a large increase in the area planted, and in Alberta many of the more progressive farmers are taking hold of it The yield varies according to the cultivation it receives, and runs from five to nine tons per acre. In some portions of Manitoba where it has been poor for some years, success has been achieved in ripening and it is expected that a variety will soon be developed that will provide seed for the entire West, that will at an early date give to Western Canada a fame for the growing of a marketable corn equal to that it has now for the growth of smaller cereals.

A trip through Western Canada reveals field after field of alfalfa, the growth of which in any portion of the country is now absolutely assured. When these facts are made known to the farmers of the corn and alfalfa growing states, where their value as wealth makers is so well known, there will be no hesitancy in taking advantage of the splendid gift of 160 acres of land made by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, where equal opportunities are offered. Besides these free grant lands, there are the lands of some of the railway companies and large land companies, that may be had at low prices and on reasonable terms. During the month of February a large number of inquiries were received, asking for farm

An encouraging feature of the farm and situation in Canada is the large percentage of sales made to settlers in the country who desire to increase their holdings or to others who will take up farming in place of different occupations previously followed .- Advertisement.

Being and Doing.

As the man is in the integrity of his character, so is his strength. Being is everything. It conditions happiness; it determines and measures service. A man's happiness depends upon what he is in himself. A man's service to others is conditioned upon what he is in himself. Being is basal to doing. As the speed of the electric car is determined by the energy stored in the power house, as the power of the piston rod is determined by the push of accumulated steam, so personal power is determined and measured by character. This is supreme power, a character filled with the divine presence and radiant with a divine holiness.

## To Drive Out Malaria

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All Work Together.

The present war, terrible as it is, is said to have brought women of all classes nearer together than anything else could over possibly have done in Europe. In England the mistress and maid each try to outdo the other in bravely going on with their work, forgetful of the sorrow that they may only recently have suffered. In Lon- Herald. don there are plenty of social affairs, but these are all for a serious purpose. The "teas" and "luncheons" are simply for the sake of getting together to decide what the next work shall be. It is probably the same in other countries at war.

ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE for the TROOPS Over 100,000 packages of Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder to shake into your shoes, are being used by the German and Allied troops at the Front because it rests the feet, gives instant relief to Corns and Bunions, hot, swollen aching, tender feet, and makes walking easy. Sold everywhere, 25c. Try It TODAY. Don't accept any substitute. Adv.

Might Mark the Spot.

They were two days out, and the young bride was dreadfully seasick. 'Henry, dear," she moaned, "if I should die and they bury me here, "But you become very loving when you'll come sometimes and plant flowyou draw near home. I suppose that ers on my grave, won't you?"-Boston Transcript.

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Quite So. "What is the first step necessary in cultivating an artistic temperament?"

"Finding somebody to stand for it."

If a girl has money to burn she can easily secure a parlor match.

## NATIONAL SONG OF CHINA

Country Has Awakened to the Ne of Melody to Inspire Patriotism.

After the rejection of eight national anthems composed in China since the revolution, that of the Chinese minis-Wheat and Other Grains Have ter to Belgium, Wang Yan Pao, which, together with the song of the minister of agriculture, commerce and trade, Chang Tsein, belongs to the latest compositions, is likely to be accepted by the Chinese government. Following is a translation of the first three

stanzas. "China, the sublime mountains and luxuriant plains attest thy greatness. Country of wonders, through thy hoary civilization thy emperors have sacrificed themselves in ceding the rule to the people.

"The people have the surreme powr. So has taught Confucius and Mengtse. And already in the hoary times of Yao and Suen it had thus been announced to the people. The people is composed of five tribes. The unity of the five tribes is past dispute.

Then China is invincible. "Develop the wealth of the country, improve agriculture, and make the people happy. Education and culture are the achievements of centuries. All citizens are equal: for Confucius and Mengtse have taught social equality." -Philadelphia Record.

Use of New Woods. There has never been in this country enough appreciation of the possibilities of good elm in cabinet work and interior trim, says Hardwood Record. Elm has been extensively used in the furniture trade for many years, but generally in the making of cheap furniture, in which no effort is made to finish it to bring out the native beauty of the elm. Also, one now and then finds it used in house trim. Right now there should be a splendid opportunity to develop the use of good elm. Popular taste is turning toward the softer tones in brown and gray, and here elm should enter readily. It has no distinctive figure, but it has a soft color. Some gray elm when polished and finished as it should be presents a beautiful appearance, and the red elm, properly finished should look exceptionally fine.

Largest Freight Locomotive. The "Matt H. Shay," the large riple Mallet locomotive built by the Baldwin Locomotive works for the Erie railroad, recently made a trial trip over the Baltimore & Ohio railroad from Baltimore to Philadelphia. The trainload consisted of 55 coal cars carrying 4,012 tons of coal. The total weight of the train, including the locomotive, must have been about 6,500 tons. The train left Baltimore at 6:10 in

the morning and reached Philadelphia at 4:30 in the afternoon, taking ten hours and twenty minutes for the 98-mile trip. The engine weighs 4231/2 tons in working order, and its drawbar pull, working compound, is 80

Her First Thought.

My little cousin was spending the summer at the lake. One day she and her mother and father had been out in their motor boat, and when she was getting out of the boat on the narrow plank which ran through the center of the boathouse she was warned to be careful and not fall into the water. Regardless of the warning, she slipped and fell head first into the water, which was considerably over her head. She was rescued immediately, and her her breath were: "Did I make a big you long ago." splash?"—Exchange.

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His First Duty.

"I suppose you know all about railroads, banking and currency, and kindred subjects?" "No," replied Senator Sorghum. "If I studied all those things I'd have so little time to make speeches that my constituents would think I was neglecting my business."

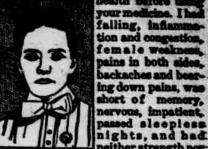
Human Nature.

It may not occur to those eminent investigators who contemplate a report upon the causes of human unrest that they can cover the whole subject in just two words.-New York

The most complicated task is that of getting a meal in a cafeteria.

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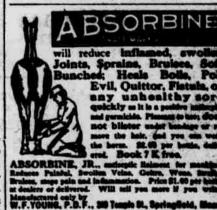
Shamrock, Mo.- "I feel it my to tell the public the o



energy. There was always a fear and dread in my mind, I had cold, nervous, weak spells, hot flashes over my body.

I had a place in my right side that was
so sore that I could hardly bear the
weight of my clothes. I tried medicines and doctors, but they did me little good, and I never expected to get out again. I got Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Blood Purifier, and I certainly would have been in grave or in an asylum if your medicines had not saved asylum if your medicines had not saved me. But now I can work all day, sleep well at night, eat anything I want, have no hot flashes or weak, nervous spells. All pains, aches, fears and dreads are gone, my house, children and husband are no longer neglected, as I am almost entirely free of the bad symptoms I had before taking your remedies, and all is pleasure and happiness in my home."—
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Not What He Expected. "I know more about the business than the boss."

"I guess that's so, all right." "I'm glad you agree with me." "I do. If the boss knew as much first words when she managed to get as you think you know he'd have fired.

> "Jack is such a favorite with the girls."

"Yes; he handles them with gloves about ten pairs per year."-Puck.

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You Look Prematurely Old